









POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION

For Singapore and Penang.—To-day, the 7th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Malacca.—For sailing ship, to-day, the 7th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Saigon.—For Malacca, to-day, the 7th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—For Malacca, to-day, the 7th instant, at 5 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET**  
The French Contrast Packet, "TRACADY," will be despatched from Hong Kong, to-day, the 7th instant, for Canton and with Mails and parcels through the United Kingdom and Europe via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Hong Kong, Penang, Malacca, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of CLOSURE of the Mails, &c.:

WEDNESDAY, 9th January.  
P.M., Post Office closes for all Offices. Post Office for Hong Kong, at 11.15, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 10th January.  
A.M., Post Office closes for sale of Stamp and Letter and Posting of all communications.  
10 A.M., Despatch of Letters ceases.  
1 P.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 35 cents extra postage, until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSURE is strictly

Correspondence for the West Indies (except letters addressed to the Colonies, Cuba, the United States, and Hayti); for Coets Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, Uruguay may no longer be sent via San Francisco.

The attention of owners, agents, and clerks of steamers is drawn to the provisions of the Ordinance of the 17th July, which compel force on the 23rd instant.

Under the old Ordinance no notice was required of the departure of a vessel if not advertised, nor of departure for, or arrival at, any port. Notice is now required of any departure, with the regard to sailing ships; the old rule practically remains in force, that notice need not be sent unless asked for.

It is to be observed that the first article sent to the Post Office:

In the case of steamships sailing regularly at fixed days, notice of any change, in the day, hour, or place of sailing, must be given to the Station.

Station correspondence may still be sent aboard any vessel after the Mail is closed at Post-Office.

The Postmaster General takes philosophical notice of the intention of the Ordinance, and may any such words as "Despatches will close at 11 A.M.," to the advertisement of a vessel from passing through the Post Office, but persons are allowed to make collection of such letters for transmission under a penalty of 50 cents per week during which the practice continues.

**MAILS EXCHANGED WITH MANILA AND BATAVIA**  
The Philippine Lialla being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila in this mail will be delivered free by the Colonies, and the same will be delivered free by Manila in the mails should be delivered free by Manila.

Article IX. of the Postal Treaty of B. provides that "Neither the sender nor the receiver of any correspondence conveyed by mail is called upon to pay either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any duty other than that recognised as levied on the case of paid correspondence by the laws of the country of Destination, and such charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once be brought to the notice of the proper authority in either Colony."

It is to be noted that no duty in any way is levied on letters sent outside the Colonies. These will all be charged on arrival in Hongkong, and badly the Manila Office will accept the same course.

For Manila are sometimes received of charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon; but it is believed would be found in all cases that the latter Office had been sent wrong.

Unpaid Letters are not received for the Colonies and Batavia.

The exchange of correspondence for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden, is compulsory, whatever opportunity it is forwarded.

There will be communication with Australia, India, and Port Darwin, and letters will be sent to these places.

**LEAVE HONGKONG BY FRENCH PACKET**  
July 17th. September 15th. November 13th. December 11th.

**LEAVE BATAVIA**  
July 26th. September 24th. November 22nd. December 20th.

**DUE AT POST OFFICE**  
July 31st. October 12th. December 10th.

**DUE AT SYDNEY**  
August 13th. October 31st. January 12th.

**DUE AT ADELAIDE**  
August 13th. November 31st. January 18th.

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August 13th. November 12th. January 24th.

Correspondence for Hongkong and Batavia is to be paid to Batavia, from which place it may still be forwarded without further charge.

Most countries to which Hongkong has correspondence, having joined the General Postal Union or being probably about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed:

1.—Letters or Packets, whether to be sent by registered or unregistered, can be received for Post if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything, such as a gem, ruble, or valuable article of the Colonies, and the rules of the Colonies prohibit the sending of Patterns of Duplications, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of value.

2.—The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To British Offices, PAPER.—5lb., if without intrinsic value. BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To the Colonies, 2lb.

PAPER.—8 oz.

3.—The following articles cannot be sent Post:—all—Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Matches, and other articles, which are either what is dangerous to the Mail, or are injurious to persons dealing with them.

**PACKETS.**  
The rule is retained, that in China, Japan, there is no such thing as Parcel Post. Much trouble and disappointment is caused persistent attempts to send small valuable to through the Post. Fans, Corals, Articles of Ivory, and other articles, which are continually being refused, the senders have often sent more in Postage than would be paid the freight by steamer. No inland can be sent by Parcel Post, and the same is obliterated before the nature of the contents are discovered.

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The attention of box-makers is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes in some recognizable seal, and of sending a separate receipt with them. The attention of the latter party is also called to the necessity of the contents of the box ever reaching Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether any of them might not have been sent, is a matter of course.

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\$2.70 to 2.79  
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DECEMBER, 1877.

CHINA SQUADRON.	
CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT.
F. Durrant	Hongkong
Botham	Singapore
J. Churoch	Hongkong
L. Douglas	Mayang
McNee	P. S. ang
E. Dapies	Shanghai
W. Wilcox	Hongkong
Evans	Singapore
S. Eaton	Hankow
Poland	Shanghai
Leobald	Kobe
F. G. Scott	Hongkong
Chrans	Chinkiang

G. L. Gairaud	Hongkong
G. Schmand	Tientsin
A. Buller	Yokohama
ou. W. Carey	Pechow
ou. G. A. Gairaud	Singapore
R. H. Nielsen	Hongkong
ou. J. B. Hayes	Chifu
O. Fodor	Hongkong
A. H. H. H.	Yokohama
S. Hunt	Ningpo
ou. Watson	Hongkong
ou. Arncliffe	Hongkong

EDOU.

SCAPITAIN.

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—F. Marques  
Gaillet  
Captain Dumas, Vance  
Captain M. Gaillet  
Commander, Valde  
Chau Street, Hongkong

	VESSEL.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CARGOES.	DIRECTION.	VESSEL.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CARGOES.	DIRECTION.
	HONGKONG.								MACAO.					
	STEAMERS.													
Boltona	Dec. 15	Ahrens	Ger. str.	739	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Yokohama								
Jombay	Jan. 2	Belous	Brit. str.	882	P. & O. S. N. Co.									
Carlsruhe	Oct. 2	Whitson	Brit. str.	938	Kwok Achong									
Cao of Peking	Dec. 10	Tanner	Amr. str.	672	Mun-ling & Co.									
Dale	Jan. 4	Thompson	Brit. str.	654	P. M. R. & Co.									
Rutlandshire	Dec. 24	Sprad	Brit. str.	1178	E. H. K. & W. D. Co.									
Blanchard	Jan. 21	Thomas	Brit. str.	1243	H. Kier & Co.									
Feng-shun	Jan. 4	Andrew	Chi. str.	838	C. M. S. N. Co.									
Himlung	Jan. 3	Gardner	Brit. str.	891	D. Shepherd & Co.									
Lohan	Jan. 2	Stables	Brit. str.	850	C. M. S. N. Co.									
Norva	Dec. 24	D. Martin	Brit. str.	700	Butterfield & Swire									
Lo-yang	Dec. 25	Radall	Brit. str.	721	C. M. S. N. Co.									
Kinslan	—	A. G. Curry	Brit. str.	700	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co.									
Kiang-chow	—	T. Brunning	Brit. str.	1061	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co.									
Mactan	Jan. 1	Erguina	Span. str.	371	J. Y. Y. Shaw									
Marvelos	Oct. 18	Munoz	Span. str.	302	Remedios & Co.									
Namoa	Jan. 3	Punchford	Brit. str.	818	D. Lapra & Co.									
Norva	Dec. 24	Stables	Brit. str.	850	J. Y. Y. Shaw									
Nobon	Jan. 6	Walker	Brit. str.	608	Kwok Achong									
Punay	Oct. 31	Goyencha	Span. str.	608	Remedios & Co.									
Perania	Nov. 24	McKinley	Dolg. str.	200	Olyphant & Co.									
Rutlandshire	Dec. 24	A. Fleming	Brit. str.	1250	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co.									
Sea Gall	Sept. 19	Roberts	Amr. str.	487	H. Kier & Co.									
Sin Nallai	Dec. 15	Dunge	Brit. str.	714	Jardine, Matheson & Co.									
Jacobiobly	Dec. 27	Thalade	Brit. str.	1271	Stapledon & Co.									
Flintan Abbey	Jan. 2	Rhode	Brit. str.	732	Jardine, Matheson & Co.									
White Cloud	Nov. 22	Ashton	Brit. str.	652	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co.									
Yat-sai	Jan. 6	D. Brown	Brit. str.	651	Kwok Achong									
Zot-soo	—	Anaragun	Brit. str.	651	Remedios & Co.									
	SAILING VESSELS.													
Aida Wiswell	Nov. 23	Wywoll	Amr. bk.	558	Order									
Adrian Besso	Dec. 27	Niasow	Amr. bk.	842	Rossario & Co.									
Alexandria	Nov. 27	Elliot	Brit. bk.	47	D. Tappin & Co.									
Alphington	Sept. 22	Edwards	Brit. bk.	236	W. J. Colman									
Angelo	Nov. 14	Wright	Brit. bk.	503	Arnold, Karberg & Co.									
Archie	Nov. 14	Barbeyron	Frenc. bk.	351	Carlowitz & Co.									
Amia Florento	Dec. 8	Johnson	Brit. bk.	937	Order									
Annie S. Hall	Dec. 10	Nelson	Amr. bk.	1038	W. J. Colman									
Anna W. Hull	Nov. 21	W. A. Walker	Amr. bk.	1265	W. J. Colman									
Assau	Nov. 21	Andon	Amr. bk.	62	E. L. Schellhaus & Co.									
Boethoven	Nov. 25	Haje	Ger. bk.	340	Mohlen & Co.									
B. Portica	Nov. 18	Tuncredi	Ital. bk.	346	Thos. Howard & Co.									
Birkor	Nov. 18	Reynolds	Brit. bk.	1047	Mayer & Co.									
Black Friars	Nov. 29	Wm. Inglis	Brit. bk.	715	Turner & Co.									
Brulano	Dec. 17	Hadlington	Brit. bk.	394	Russell & Co.									
Broomhall	Oct. 26	H. Bates	Brit. bk.	137	Russell & Co.									
B. F. Watson	Nov. 25	Hawkins	Amr. bk.	340	W. J. Colman									
Carl Bittor	Nov. 29	Waller	Brit. bk.	280	Kien-lai-long									
Carrollita & Vils	Jan. 5	Lauson	Ger. bk.	536	Siemens & Co.									
Charles Ouk	Jan. 4	Kelsa	Ger. bk.	438	E. L. Schellhaus & Co.									
Chlorok Ouk	Jan. 5	Specht	Ger. bk.	430	Wm. Pustan & Co.									
C. Andrews	Nov. 30	Thos.	Brit. bk.	335	Rossario & Co.									
Chas. Marneum	Nov. 14	Quatrosow	Frenc. bk.	318	Landstein & Co.									
Clumum	Sept. 25	Shrewsbury	Brit. bk.	1384	Vogel, Hagdorn & Co.									
City of Halifax	Dec. 24	Evans	Brit. bk.	937	Arnold, Karberg & Co.									
Claun	Sept. 25	W. J. Colman	Amr. bk.	1038	Chinese Insurance Co.									
Colewood	Oct. 15	Tugraham	Amr. bk.	1076	Vogel, Hagdorn & Co.									
Colewood	Oct. 15	G. White	Brit. bk.	445	Gagnan									
Echin	Nov. 4	Vozer	Ger. bk.	383	Arnold, Karberg & Co.									
E. von Douglas	Jan. 6	Schneider	Haw. bk.	312	Wieder & Co.									
Fabius	Oct. 23	Stolte	Siam. bk.	738	E. L. Schellhaus & Co.									
Falson	Dec. 2	D. Barry	Brit. bk.	738	Kien-lai-long									
Ferdinand	Nov. 29	Wiedergarten	Brit. bk.	383	Arnold, Karberg & Co.									
Florence of Day	Nov. 30	Tacapanon	Brit. bk.	383	Russell & Co.									
Florence	Nov. 30	A. Fraser	Brit. bk.	387	Wieder & Co.									
F. Starace	Dec. 19	Garguilo	Ital. bk.	496	Thos. Howard & Co.									
F. Starace	Dec. 19	Stewart	Brit. bk.	283	Turner & Co.									
F. Starace	Dec. 20	Stewart	Siam. bk.	445	Tao-mo									
G. Morganahio	Jan. 3	Romney	Brit. bk.	318	Wm. Pustan & Co.									
Gleofraun	Dec. 22	McDachan	Brit. bk.	440	H. Kier & Co.									
Gleofraun	Dec. 22	Lang	Brit. bk.	473	Landstein & Co.									
Gleofraun	Nov. 12	John Watla	Brit. bk.	520	Tao-mo									
Gleofraun	Nov. 15	Thompson	Siam. bk.	445	Tao-mo									
Gleofraun	Dec. 22	Farrrell	Brit. bk.	445	Mayer & Co.									
Golden Spur	Aug. 19	Thompson	Amr. bk.	1578	Russell & Co.									
Golden Spur	Aug. 19	Volz	Brit. bk.	371	Wiedergarten									
Holens	Dec. 15	Wm. Pustan	Ger. bk.	428	Wm. Pustan & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Wm. Pustan	Ger. bk.	428	Wieder & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Biehl	Ger. bk.	428	Wieder & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Stoll	Ger. bk.	428	E. L. Schellhaus & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	West	Brit. bk.	428	Wiedergarten									
Holens	Dec. 15	Cox	Brit. bk.	428	Captain									
Holens	Dec. 15	C. F. Mohr	Ran. bk.	1380	Order									
Holens	Dec. 15	Wendt	Ger. bk.	1380	Siemens & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Niekornen	Amr. bk.	440	Butterfield & Swire									
Holens	Dec. 15	Wilson	Brit. bk.	440	Rossario & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	W. P. Gase	Brit. bk.	440	Rossario & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Volkers	Brit. bk.	440	Mayer & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Logan	Brit. bk.	440	Arnold, Karberg & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	McMahon	Brit. bk.	440	Rossario & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Baracclat	Ger. bk.	440	Rossario & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Eniboux	Frenc. bk.	440	Carlowitz & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Hoves	Amr. bk.	440	Vogel, Hagdorn & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	John P. H.	Brit. bk.	440	Wm. Pustan & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	L. E. Scott	Amr. bk.	440	Tao-mo									
Holens	Dec. 15	Michaelson	Siam. bk.	440	Tao-mo									
Holens	Dec. 15	Jawett	Amr. bk.	440	Olyphant & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Wisshom	Ger. bk.	440	Merchord & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Forley	Brit. bk.	440	Merchord & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Orida	Brit. bk.	440	Vogel, Hagdorn & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Longmuit	Brit. bk.	440	Russell & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	J. Scott	Brit. bk.	440	Arnold, Karberg & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Luhre	Ger. bk.	440	E. L. Schellhaus & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Moller	Ger. bk.	440	E. L. Schellhaus & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Schoel	Brit. bk.	440	Wieder & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Barnaby	Amr. bk.	440	Order									
Holens	Dec. 15	Hunte	Siam. bk.	440	Tao-mo									
Holens	Dec. 15	Wiedergarten	Brit. bk.	440	Wiedergarten									
Holens	Dec. 15	Richards	Brit. bk.	440	Wm. Pustan & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Schultz	Ger. bk.	440	Wm. Pustan & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Cass	Amr. bk.	440	Order									
Holens	Dec. 15	Bryant	Amr. bk.	440	Russell & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Carroll	Frenc. bk.	440	Landstein & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	W. Lory	Frenc. bk.	440	Carlowitz & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Radenae	Frenc. bk.	440	Carlowitz & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Durand	Frenc. bk.	440	Carlowitz & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Stok	Amr. bk.	440	Russell & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Glough	Siam. bk.	440	Adams, Ball & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Williams	Siam. bk.	440	Adams, Ball & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	C. Cobb	Siam. bk.	440	Adams, Ball & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Y. V. Smith	Amr. bk.	440	Order									
Holens	Dec. 15	Northwell	Nor. bk.	440	Order									
Holens	Dec. 15	Dicks	Brit. bk.	440	Merchord & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	Canna	Span. bk.	440	Merchord & Co.									
Holens	Dec. 15	W. G. H.	Brit. bk.	440	Hing-sing									
Holens	Dec. 15	G. Gulligan	Brit. bk.	440	Wm. Pustan & Co.									
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